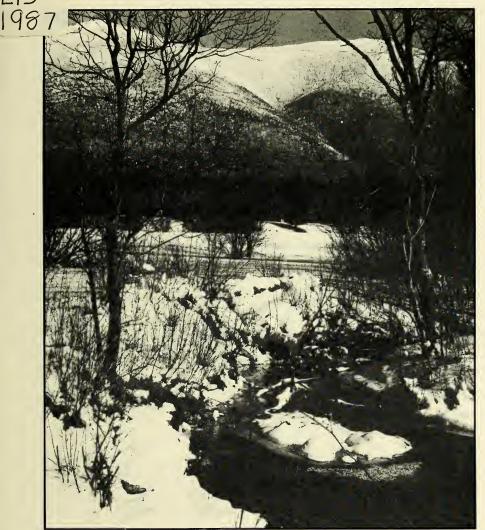
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ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT



Town of EASTON

New Hampshire Year ending December 31, 1987

University of New Hampshire

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This Town Report is dedicated to

Robert (Rob) & Miriam Wutzdorff

Rob served for seven years as Selectman. He has also served on the Planning Board, the Zoning Board of Adjustment, and numerous other community programs.

Miriam is a past President and Treasurer of the Kinsman Valley Club and has served as a Supervisor of the Checklist.

The townspeople thank Rob and Miriam for their many generous contributions.

Town of Easton, New Hampshire ANNUAL REPORT of the Town Officers

Year Ended December 31, 1987

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TOWN OFFICERS

Board of Selectmen

CHARLES CHASE (Term expires 1988)
WALTER WOODS (Term expires 1989)
FRED MOODY (Term expires 1990)

Town Clerk
BARBARA COLLIER

Tax Collector
FONTELLE SILVER

Treasurer BERNICE CUTTER Auditor
WILLIAM HALL

Fire Superintendent STANLEY SHERBURN

Chief of Police EDWARD CUTTER

Moderator STEPHEN NORTH (1988) **Librarian** VIRGINIA LEIGHTON

Supervisors of the Checklist

HELEN SOPER (1988) FONTELLE SILVER (1990) CAROLYN CHASE (1992)

Recreation Committee PAT CLARK KATHY RADER

Trustee of the Trust Funds HARRIET CORBRAN

Lafayette School Board BETTY MOODY

Library Trustees		Cemetery Trustees	
CAROLYN CHASE	(1988)	LEE STRIMBECK	(1988)
EUNICE WOODS	(1989)	PAUL SCHLEGEL	(1989)
MARGARET WHITCOMB	(1990)	PARKER TOWLE	(1990)

Planning Board - Three Year Term

MIKE GARVAN MARY ELLEN BARNES (1988)(1988)EDWARD CUTTER (1989)BILL KENNEY (1990)PAUL SCHLEGEL Alternate LOUISA KENNEY Alternate LEON J. WHITE Alternate WALTER WOODS (ex officio)

Board of Adjustment - Five Year Term

KAY GLOVER(1988)DENNIS FORD(1990)DONNA NORTH(1991)PAUL SCHLEGEL(1992)BARBARA COLLIERAlternateFRED MOODY(ex officio)

TOWN OF EASTON TOWN MEETING WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Easton in the County of Grafton, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 8 at 7:30 in the evening. Polls will be open from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.

To act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose all necessary officers for the ensuing year. (Ballot Vote)

To see if the Town will vote to approve or disapprove proposed amendments Articles No. 2 through No. 5 to the Town Zoning Ordinance as presented by the Planning Board on the official ballot.

ARTICLE 2. Are you in favor of adoption of amendment No. 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Easton Zoning Ordinance?

To delete Section 602, clause 15, and Article 9 and add "single manufactured house"

to the list	of Residential Uses	permitted in Section 601 (a).
	Yes	No
Board for the E	aston Zoning Ordina	doption of amendment No. 2 as proposed by the Planning ance? Illimitation of 35 feet and a definition of building
	Yes	No
Board for the E	aston Zoning Ordina	doption of amendment No. 3 as proposed by the Planning ance? ermit section which clarifies when a permit is
	Yes	No
Board for the Es To amend 602 Specia	aston Zoning Ordina Section 601 Permit Il Exception Uses; h	doption of amendment No. 4 as proposed by the Planning ance? ted Uses by moving "two-family dwellings" to Section have it read as follows: "Two-family dwellings, with at required:" and delete Section 602, clause 16:

"Condominiums, cluster housing and other high density housing".

No _____ ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to pay the Selectmen and other Town Officers an annual salary during the current year in accordance with the following schedule, and to raise

and appropriate money for same:

Chairman, Board of Selectmen	\$500.00
Selectman	\$400.00
Selectman	\$400.00
Tax Collector	\$500.00
Town Clerk	\$275.00
Treasurer	\$275.00
Auditor	\$150.00
Moderator	\$100.00

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to hire money for defraying Town expenses in anticipation of tax revenues, if necessary.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to apply for, receive and expend, without further action, any grants which may become available during the year as set forth in RSA 31:95-b.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$879.00 for Regional Associations in accordance with the following schedule:

Franconia, Easton, Sugar Hill	
Chamber of Commerce	\$500.00
North Country Council	\$229.00
Tri-County Community Action Program	\$150.00

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,361.00 for the Franconia Recreation Program.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the Franconia FAST squad. These funds shall be used to offset ambulance corps expenses when responding to Easton emergency calls.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,550.00 for Cartographic Associates, Inc. to aerial photograph the Town and prepare a digitalized emergency service dispatch map and computer index.

ARTICLE 13. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 80:58-86 for a real estate tax lien procedure?

These statutes provide that tax sales to private individuals for nonpayment of property taxes on real estate are replaced with a real estate tax lien procedure under which only a municipality or county where the property is located or the state may acquire a tax lien against land and buildings for unpaid taxes. (Simple majority ballot required)

ARTICLE 14. Shall we adopt the provisions of RSA 31:105 which will indemnify and save harmless for loss or damage any Town officer or employee from personal financial loss and expense including reasonable legal fees and costs, if any, arising out of any claim, demand, suit or judgement by reason of negligence or other act resulting in accidental injury to a person or accidental damage to or destruction of property if the indemnified person at the time of accident resulting in the injury, damage or destruction was acting in the scope of his/her employment or office.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize withdrawal of \$48.00 including accrued interest to date from the Revenue Sharing Fund established under the provisions of the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 for use as setoffs against solid waste disposal expense appropriations in the amount indicated; and further, to authorize the Selectmen to make prorata reductions in the amounts if estimated entitlements are reduced or take any other action hereon.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$856.00 for Regional Health Care Agencies in accordance with the following schedule:

Littleton Hospital	0.00
Ross Ambulance	\$205.00
White Mountain Mental Health	\$188.00
North Country Home Health Agengy	\$282.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens	\$181.00

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500.00 to be added to the Reappraisal Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000.00 plus accrued interest to date of withdrawal and authorize the Board of Selectmen to undertake a comprehensive revaluation of all properties in the Town.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be added to the Fire Protection Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,000.00 for the purpose of establishing an Easton Fire Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue \$60,000.00 in notes and bonds under the provisions of N.H. Municipal Finance Act - RSA 33:8 and to authorize withdrawal of \$14,000.00 plus accrued interest from the Fire Protection Capital Reserve Fund and to authorize the Selectmen to be agents to expend from both the principal and the interest. (2/3 paper ballot vote required)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$68,867.00 as is stated in the proposed budget as posted.

ARTICLE 22. To act upon any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Frederick Moody Walter Woods Charles C. Chase Selectmen of Easton

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Once again municipal activity in Easton was busy as growth continues to expand the Town's seasonal and year-round population.

We feel it is important for all taxpayers to fully understand why 1987 tax bills were up 42%. In 1986 the Town overspent its budget on structure fires, highway maintenance costs and school costs. After these unforseen expenses the Town was left with a \$2,200 deficit coming into 1987.

At the last Town Meeting voters approved expenditures totalling \$18,000 over the previous year. This increase in spending coupled with the carryover deficit resulted in the higher tax rate. Since then, the Selectmen have been able to put the Town in a better financial position through prudent spending. We finished 1987 with a surplus of almost \$14,000. In addition, we are proposing a 1988 budget \$4,000 less than last year except for our long term bond issue. It is our goal to maintain current service levels at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayer.

Next year, the Board is proposing to begin a revaluation of the entire Town. The reasons for this is that the Town is decreasing its full value rate by about 10% a year with the current assessment ratio at 36%. The last full revaluation of the Town occurred in 1970 with an update in 1980. By simply raising everyone's assessed valuation to 100%, the inequities between age of housing, land and buildings are magnified. Due to the recent building growth and low land valuations we feel a townwide reappraisal would benefit everyone by providing accurate, up-to-date information.

Local interest in starting an Easton Fire Department has resurfaced this year, only this time it is supported by significant menpower availability. It appears that the annual financial commitment for fire protection would not substantially increase if Easton starts its own department. Benefits to Easton residents by having a local department would include faster response time and the possibility of lower insurance premiums especially for those living in the outskirts of Town. We hope you will learn as much as possible about this proposal and make an informed decision at Town Meeting.

Selectmen of Easton

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS

\$ 56,326.50 5,097.50 48.00 10,500.00 9,000.00 390.90
\$ 81,362.90
\$ 47,140.00
679.29
48.00
10,500.00
9,000.00
\$67,367.29

\$13,995.61

Excess of Assets over Liabilities

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON — REVENUE

	Estimated 1987	Actual 1987	Estimated 1988
SOURCES OF REVENUE			
Taxes:	2 1 202 20	0 1 001 00	0 1 000 00
Resident Taxes	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,321.00	\$ 1,300.00
Intergovernmental Revenues-Sta	te:		
Shared Revenue - Block Grant	1,500.00	2,100.00	2,000.00
Highway Block Grant	2,500.00	3,400.00	3,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues-Fed			
National Forest Reserve	5,000.00	-0-	9,000.00
Revenue Sharing	812.00	812.00	48.00
U.S. Entitlement	1,200.00	1,304.00	1,200.00
Licenses and Permits:	1/ 000 00	17 000 00	15 000 00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	14,000.00	17,239.00	
Dog Licenses Other Permits & Fees	150.00 150.00	172.00 241.00	150.00 150.00
Dog Penalties	-0-	8.00	-0-
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Charges for Services:			
Demolition Fire - R. Brigida		300.00	-0-
Vital Statistics	-0-	20.00	-0-
Cemetery Lots	-0-	425.00	-0-
UCC Services	-0-	48.00	-0-
Miscellaneous Revenues:			
Interest on Deposits	500.00	1,106.00	750.00
Franconia Insurance Adj.	-0-	67.00	-0-
Town Histories Sales	-0-	76.00	-0-
Copy Tax Map	-0-	2.00	-0-
Other Financing Sources:			
Proceeds of Bonds and			
Long-Term Notes	-0-	-0-	60,000.00
Withdrawals-Capital Reserve	-0-	- 0 -	14,000.00
Yield Tax Bond	500.00	679.00	500.00
Return of Petty Cash &	0	00.00	0
Miscellaneous	-0-	28.00	-0-
Total Revenues and Credits	\$27,612.00	\$29,348.00	\$107,098.00

BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF EASTON — EXPENDITURES

PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATION	Approps. 1987	Actual 1987	Approps. 1988
General Government: Town Officer's Salary Town Officer's Expenses Election & Registration Exp Cemeteries General Government Buildings Reappraisal of Property Planning and Zoning Legal Expenses Advertising & Regional Assoc Contingency Fund Tax Map Update Art. 9 Regional Associations	\$ 2,200.00 2,500.00 500.00 400.00 3,000.00 500.00 500.00 2,000.00 250.00 843.00	\$ 2,200.00 2,667.00 165.00 800.00 2,773.00 505.00 191.00 272.00 472.00 -0- 265.00 843.00	\$ 2,600.00 2,500.00 500.00 400.00 3,000.00 500.00 500.00 2,000.00 300.00 900.00
Public Safety:			
Police Department Fire Department Building Inspection Fire Dept. Radio Dispatch Map - Art. 12	2,500.00 13,000.00 -0- 1,200.00 -0-	1,853.00 10,341.00 -0- -0-	2,500.00 13,000.00 200.00 -0- 1,550.00
Highways, Streets & Bridges:			
General Highway Dept. Exp. Signs for Town Roads	14,000.00	10,273.00 493.00	14,000.00
Sanitation:			
Solid Waste Disposal Regional Waste Planning Household Hazard. Waste	6,500.00 283.00	6,623.00 283.00	8,000.00
Disposal	55.00	55.00	-0-
Health:			
Health Department Regional Health Providers	20.00	-0-	-0-
Article 16 Animal Control Regional Health Providers	805.00 -0- 1,405.00	805.00 -0- 600.00	856.00 50.00 -0-
Fast Squad Article 11	-0-	-0-	300.00
Welfare:			
General Assistance	100.00	-0-	50.00

Culture and Recreation:			
Library	300.00	300.00	400.00
Parks and Recreation Art.10	1,150.00	1,150.00	1,361.00
Town of Franconia Recreation	n -0-	94.00	-0-
Capital Outlay:			
Town Hall Ramp and Door	4,000.00	4,000.00	-0-
Town Clerk Equipment	600.00	581.00	-0-
Town Hall Ceiling Fan	500.00	143.00	-0-
Art. 20 Fire Department			
Building and Equipment	-0-	-0-	74,000.00
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Operating Transfers Out:			
Fire Protection Reserve			
Fund Art. 19	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
Reappraisal Reserve	·	Í	ŕ
Fund Art. 17	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
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Miscellaneous:			
Insurance	4,000.00	2,721.00	3,500.00
Abatement Refund	-0-	144.00	-0-
N.H. State Treas. Dog Fees	-0-	19.00	- 0-
Marriage License Fees	-0-	13.00	-0-
Total Appropriations	\$73,111.00	\$60,144.00	\$142,267.00
Less: Amount of Estimated Reve	enues, Exclu	sive of	
Taxes			107,098.00
Amount of Taxes to be Raised	(Exclusive o	f School	
and County Taxes)			35,169.00

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall, Lands and Building	\$ 93,500.00
Furniture and Equipment	3,300.00
Library, Furniture and Equipment	2,200.00
Police Department Equipment	1,200.00
Fire Department Equipment	1,100.00
Total	\$101,300.00

SUMMARY INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION

Land	\$2,463,156.00
Buildings	5,181,650.00
Electric Utilities	301,452.00
Manufactured Housing	8,200.00
GROSS VALUATION	\$7,954,458.00
NET VALUATION (on which Tax Rate is computed)	\$7,954,458.00
Increase in Net Valuation	571,846.00

	1987 Tax Rate	8	1986 Tax Rate	8
TOWN	\$ 5.95 2.42	32.34 13.15	\$ 2.42	18.62
SCHOOL	10.03	54.51	2.55 8.03	19.62 61.76
	\$18.40/\$1000	100.00%	\$13.00/\$1000	100.00%

AUDITOR'S REPORT

This is to certify that I have audited the accounts of the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Library Trustees, Trustees of Trust Funds and Cemetery Committee for the year 1987. I have found all accounts, to the best of my knowledge and belief, correct and in proper order.

William Hall Auditor

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Receipts	
Motor Vehicles	\$17,204.00
Titles	35.00
Dogs	172.50
Marriage Licenses	20.00
Histories	-0-
Filings	5.00
Cert. Copies	3.00
UCC'S	48.44
Penalties	8.00
Petty Cash	25.00
Total Receipts	\$17,520.94

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

Total Town Appropriations	\$ 73,111.00
Less Est. Revenues and Credits	29,149.00
Net Town Appropriation	\$ 43,962.00
Net School Tax	80,890.00
County Tax	19,263.00
Total - Town, School, County	\$144,115.00
Deduct Business Profits Tax Reimbursement	(1,371.00)
Add War Service Credits	1,000.00
Add Overlay	2,618.00
Property Taxes to be Raised	146,362.00
Less War Service Credits	1,000.00
Total Tax Commitment	\$145,362.00
Tax Computation Adjustment	
Property Taxes Committed To Collector	\$145,362.00

TAX COLLECTOR - SUMMARY OF WARRANTS

Levies of 1986 & 1987 - Property, Resident & Yield Taxes

DEBITS

	Levies 1987	of: 1986
Uncollected Taxes - Beginning of Fiscal Property Taxes Resident Taxes		\$ 2,759.86
Taxes Committed To Collector Property Taxes Resident Taxes	145,376.00 1,300.00	
Added Taxes Resident Taxes Overpayments	80.00	
a/c Property Taxes	838.50	
Interest Collected on Delinquent Taxes	114.59	77.55
Penalties Collected on Resident Taxes TOTAL DEBITS	\$147,709.09	1.00 \$ 2,878.41
CREDITS		
Remittances To Treasurer During Fiscal Property Taxes Resident Taxes Interest Collected During Year Penalties on Resident Taxes	Year \$140,968.00 1,280.00 114.59	40.00
Abatements Made During Year Property Taxes Resident Taxes	159.00 90.00	
Uncollected Taxes - End of Fiscal Year (As Per Collector's List) Property Taxes Resident Taxes	5,087.50 10.00	
TOTAL CREDITS	\$147,709.09	\$ 2,878.41

UNCOLLECTED TAXES Levy of 1987

Property Taxes:

		06.00
Frank & Gertrude Borchardt	\$	26.00
Richard & Theresa Carignan		454.00
Michael & Patricia D'Agnillo, Jr.		75.00
Rowena E. Daly		464.00
*Farhi, Jacques, Paul, Jane & Pamela		49.00
*Farhi, Jacques, Jane, Pamela		58.00
*Farhi, Paul		54.00
Thomas & Beverly Farren		42.00
Frank Federico		393.00
Robert & Katherine Glover		775.00
Gary & Beth Harwood		485.00
Landis, Susan		100.00
Valentin, Julien, Jr.		302.00
*Locke, Priscilla		420.00
Heidi Root		54.50
Sherburn, Stanley & Lorie		978.00
White, Joseph		233.00
Winter, Richard		125.00
Total	\$	5,087.50
Resident Taxes:		
	•	10.00
Greenwood, Christina	\$	10.00

^{*} Paid after 12/30/87

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Balance on Hand - January 1, 1987	\$ 25,290.02
Fontelle A. Silver, Tax Collector Barbara Collier, Town Clerk Selectmen	144,773.50 17,520.94 242.00
State of New Hampshire	5,499.82 10.00
Board of Adjustment Planning Board Fees & Subdivision	60.00
Yield Tax Bonds	679.29
Cemetery Franconia Insurance Adjustment	425.00 67.00
Copy of Tax Maps	2.00
Federal Entitlement Lands	1,304.00 811.90
Federal Revenue Sharing, Article 21 Ralph Brigida - Demolition Fire	300.00
Interest on General Fund	1,106.13
Advance Payment 1988 Property Tax	467.50
Total Receipts to General Fund	\$173,269.08
Balance on Hand January 1, 1987	25,290.02
Total Receipts in General Fund 1987 Selectmen Orders	\$198,559.10 142,232.60
Balance, January 1, 1988	\$ 56,326.50

REVENUE SHARING FUND REPORT

Total Available Funds, January 1, 1987 Federal Solid Waste Transfer Station	\$	811.90 811.90
	\$	-0-
Interest 1987		48.09
Total Available Funds	Ŝ	48.09

DETAILED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

From Tax Collector:	
Property Taxes, 1986 Levy	\$ 2,759.86
Property Tax Interest, 1986 Levy	77.55
Resident Tax, 1986 Levy	50.00
Resident Tax Penalties, 1986 Levy	1.00
Property Tax 1987	140,500.50
Resident Tax 1987	1,270.00
Property Tax Interest, 1987	114.59
Property lax Interest, 1907	114.33
Total	\$144,773.50
Property Tax (Advance Payment 1988 Transferred	
to January 1988)	467.50
Tota1	\$145,241.00
From Town Clerk:	
Motor Vehicles Permits	\$ 17,204.00
Motor Vehicle Title	35.00
Dog Licenses	172.50
Dog Penalties	8.00
Filing Fees	5.00
U.C.C.	48.44
Vital Statistics	20.00
Return of Petty Cash	25.00
Miscellaneous	3.00
MISCEITANEOUS	
Total	\$ 17,520.94
From Selectmen:	1.00.00
Building Permits	\$ 160.00
Pistol Permits	6.00
Town Histories	76.00
Total	\$ 242.00
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From State of New Hampshire:	
Block Grant Aid	\$ 3,399.53
Shared Revenue Distribution	2,100.29
Total	\$ 5,499.82
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Board of Adjustment	\$ 10.00
Planning Board Fees for Subdivision	\$ 60.00
Training Board rees for Subdivision	
Yield Tax Bonds	\$ 679.29

Cemetery	\$	425.00
Franconia Insurance Adjustment	\$	67.00
Federal Entitlement Lands	\$	1,304.00
Federal Revenue Sharing (Article 21)	\$	811.90
Copy of Tax Map	\$	2.00
Ralph Brigida, Demolition Fire	\$	300.00
Interest from General Fund	\$	1,106.13
Total	\$1	73,269.08

DETAILED STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries:		
Fred Moody	\$	450.00
Walter Woods	•	350.00
Charles Chase		350.00
Fontelle Silver		450.00
Barbara Collier		225.00
Bernice Cutter		225.00
William Hall		100.00
Stephen North		50.00
Total	\$	2,200.00
Town Officers' Expenses:		
Loring, Short & Harmon	\$	107.50
Wheeler & Clark		36.43
Littleton Office Supply		28.26
Cartographic Associates, Inc.		3.25
Barbara Collier (Town Clerk)		777.91
Barbara Collier (Secretary)		8.80
B.J. Workshop		490.28
Charles Chase, Selectman - Town Reports, Postag	ge,	
Trip to Concord		89.02
Bernice Cutter, Treasurer - Stamps, Deposit Sli	ps	27.21
N.H. Municipal Assoc 3 attended Lectures		21.00
N.H. Tax Collector's Assoc 2 attended		17.50
Ken's Locksmithery		6.40
Fontelle Silver, Tax Collector		209.76
S.F. McAllister, Fire Warden Plaque		26.05
Durand Cooley (50 Years)		36.95
Hillsborough Probate Court (copy death cert.)		. 50
Harrison Publishing House		98.00
Total	\$	1,958.77
Election & Registration:		
Harrison Publishing House	\$	708.65
Town of Franconia		31.50
Loring, Short & Harmon		17.00
Rosemary Hall		5.25
Eunice Wood		25.25
Caroline Chase		29.75
Helen Soper		36.75
Bernice Cutter		20.00
Total	\$	874.15

m. W.11 Forester		
Town Hall Expenses:	\$	912.62
Harris Energy, Inc. New Hampshire Public Service	Ą	231.74
		312.37
New England Telephone		423.96
J. Cavanaugh & Son		105.00
Edward Cutter		
Abbott Rental		25.00
Franconia Hardware		82.26
Evelyn Daine		65.00
Franconia Gas		114.45
Ken's Locksmithery		74.40
E.E. Bigelow		25.11
Charles Chase		5.99
Clinton Clough		395.45
Total	\$	2,773.35
Police:		
Edward Cutter	\$	1,461.20
F.A. Erb, D.V.M.		35.00
Share of 8123 Line		66.31
Grafton County Sheriff		290.00
Total	\$	1,852.51
Planning & Zoning:		
Littleton Courier	\$	114.00
B.J. Workshop		23.16
Grafton County Conservation		15.00
N.H.M.A. Law Lecture		35.00
Raymond Marshall		4.00
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Total	\$	191.16
Fire Department:		
Twin State Mutual Aid Fire Assoc.	\$	1,000.00
Town of Franconia (Retainer Fee)		3,500.00
Town of Sugar Hill (Retainer Fee)		4,500.00
Town of Franconia - Fires		1,050.00
8123 - Town of Franconia		291.00
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Total	\$	10,341.00
Insurance:		
Hadlock Insurance Agency	\$	112.11
Illinois National Ins. Co.		351.00
Hunkins & Eaton Agency		219.00
N.H.M.A. PLIT Inc.		2,039.00
Total	\$	2,721.11
Transfer Station:		
Town of Franconia	\$	6,622.68
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Road Maintenance:		
Summer: Robert P. Peckett III	. \$	2,062.25
Arthur Whitcomb	•	30.15
Carroll Wright		400.00
Total	\$	2,492.40
Winter:		
Robert P. Peckett III	\$	7,412.00
Cargill Salt	•	368.34
Total	\$	7,780.34
Easton Free Public Library	\$	300.00
Easton Cemetery Committee	\$	800.00
Town of Franconia - Recreation	\$	93.53
Regional Associations:		
N.H.M.A. Dues	\$	400.00
N.H. Tax Collector's Association	·	15.00
N.H. City & Town Clerk Dues		12.00
N.H. Association of Assessing Dues		20.00
North Country Council Dues		25.00
Total	\$	472.00
Nighswander, Martin & Mitchell, P.A.		
(Town Council)	\$	271.64
Refunds, Abatements:		
William Donavan	\$	74.00
Althea Ledzian	·	6.00
Amy Delventhal		3.00
Maurice LaBrecque		6.00
David Farrell	_	55.00
Total	\$	144.00
Reappraisal of Property		
W. John Schofield - Assessor	\$	505.25
Tax Map Update Cartographic Associates Inc.	\$	265.00
N.H. State Treasurer:		
Dog Fees	\$	19.00
Marriage License Fees	_	13.00
Total	\$	32.00
Grafton County Tax, A.F. Stiegler	\$	19,263.00

Articles:	
07 - Town Hall Ramp & Install a New Door	\$ 4,000.00
08 - Reappraisal Reserve Fund	3,500.00
09 - Fire Protection Reserve Fund	5,000.00
10 - Littleton Hospital	600.00
Ross Ambulance	205.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens	170.00
White Mountain Mental Health	188.00
North Country Home Health Agency	242.00
11 - Chamber of Commerce	500.00
Tri-County Community Action Program	135.00
North Country Council	208.00
12 - Franconia Recreation Program	1,150.00
15 - Upper Grafton Solid Waste District	283.00
16 - Hazardous Waste Collection Project	55.00
17 - Town Clerk - Office Equipment	581.22
18 - Town Hall Ceiling Fans	142.28
19 - Town Road designation signs	493.21
Total	\$ 17,452.71
School Districts:	
Lafayette Regional School District	\$ 36,055.00
Profile School District	26,771.00
Total	\$ 62,826.00
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Total 1987 Payments	\$142,232.60

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS for the Year Ending December 31, 1987 Cemetery Reserve Funds

All Irusts are invested at The Savers Bank

^{*} Regular Passbook Savings. All others are Certificates of Deposit.

⁽¹⁾ Figures are not included in 1987 totals (2) Includes Interest Earned thru February 1988

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS for the Year Ending December 31, 1987 Capital Reserve Fund

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Balance		End of		\$4,266.55	2,438.	3,747.12	2,141.	÷	-o	\$12,592.93
	Expended	During	Year	-0- \$	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0- \$
	Income	During	Year	\$437.76	250.13	247.12 -0-	141.20	-0-	-0-	\$1076.21
Balance	Income	Beginning	Year	\$3,828.79	2,187.93		-0-	-0-	·0·	\$6,016.72
		Amount of	Principal	\$3,500.00	2,000.00	3,500.00	2,000.00	3,500.00	5,000.00 -0-	\$11,000.00
		Rate of	Interest	* 9.15					8.25	FOTALS
			NAME OF TRUST FUND	Reappraisal Reserve Fund	Fire Protection Contingency	Reappraisal Reserve Fund * 7.12	Fire Protection Contingency Fund* 7.12	Reappraisal Reserve Fund	Fire Protection Contingency Fund*	.01
	Date	oę	Creation	1985	1985	1987	1987	(1) 1988	(1) 1988	

^{*} Certificates of Deposit The Savers Bank (1) Figures are not included in 1987 totals

CEMETERY TRUSTEE'S REPORT

There were no burials during the year. Four lots were purchased.

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand - January 1, 1987	\$ 86.54
Receipts from Town	\$800.00
Total	\$886.54
EXPENSES	
James Cavanaugh, caretaking	\$724.98
Hardware	42.96
Others	28.31
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Total Expenses	\$796.25
Balance on Hand - December 31, 1987	\$ 90.29

Stewart Bowles Trust Fund - \$300.00 Direct to Trust Fund 4 Cemetery Lots - \$100.00 Direct to Town Treasurer Trust Fund Income - \$390.90 Direct to Town Treasurer - 2/16/88 Net Cost To Town for Cemetery - \$409.10

> Parker Towle Lee Strimbeck Paul Schlegel

> > Trustees of Kinsman Cemetery

REPORT OF EASTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

ACCIDENTS:

This Department was called to investigate 6 accidents and stood by to assist the State Police at several others. We also obtained assistance for others who had skidded off the road due to ice and snow or sand left on the road after a storm.

BREAK-INS:

There was forced entry into 10 homes this past year. Items were taken from only 3. This Department investigated with and without the State Police. Information between us has resulted in some suspicions but nothing concrete as yet.

DOGS:

Several stray dogs were brought to us or were picked up. Those that had I.D. were returned to their owners while those that were strangers in town were taken to a Veterinary or found a home for. It appears that Easton is a drop off point for some of these poor animals.

REMINDER: APRIL 30, IS DEADLINE FOR LICENSES.

There were 245 calls this year for assistance, information, or concerns by residents of Easton, out of towners, and other Police Agencies. This was a 25% increase over the previous year. Man hours were down some as we luckily had but one fire. WARNING: Watch your SPEED. State Police and Franconia Police Department are using their RADAR at our request because residents have complained of the speed of vehicles on our roads.

Many thanks to the Selectmen for their support.

Respectfully submitted, Edward P. Cutter Police Chief

FIRE SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

On February 11, 1988 an informational organizational meeting was held at the Town Hall with twelve prospective fire fighters in attendance. Strong support and interest was shown at this meeting with the hopes that Easton will have its own Fire Department. The lack of manpower has been one of the major obstacles, but with the support of these twelve and possibly more this no longer seems such a difficult task.

With rising costs of present fire protection and a growing town, the time has definately come for a major change.

You are being asked at the March Town Meeting to appropriate money to build a fire station and to purchase a fire truck; along with hose, ladders, breathing apparatus, turn out gear and miscellaneous equipment.

This will be a major undertaking for Easton to develop its own Fire Department. The initial start up costs will seem high but over a period of time will prove very cost effective for the town, and in fact; may not cost any more per year than at present. There may also be a savings on your home owner's policies if within a five-mile radius of the station.

Please come and participate at the March Town Meeting. This is for our town.

We are a town of many second homes and dialer alarms are becoming popular among them. A dialer alarm will automatically call the Fire or Police Department if there is any problem. However, they are creating many false alarms when not installed and maintained properly and the owners/tenants are not aware of how to correctly use them. This can be very costly at \$250.00 an hour for a pumper and \$5.00 an hour per man. Please be aware of installation and care if you are to obtain one of these alarms. In the future if this problem persists it may be necessary for the Town to charge these homeowners the costs of the false alarm.

Respectfully submitted,

Stanley R. Sherburn Fire Superintendent

ROAD AGENT'S REPORT

For the most part this past year, only routine maintenance has been done. The new road signs have been installed and they should be a help to visitors in the town.

If money is available in the coming year, the parking area near the handicapped ramp at the town hall should be enlarged. Also there are two sections on the Paine Road that need to be regraveled and the Bailey Road needs attention, especially on the hilly sections.

Respectfully.

Robert P. Peckett, 3rd

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

Between July 1986 and June 1987, we experienced fewer fires than normal. The three leading causes of forest fires were again children, fires kindled without written permission of a Forest Fire Warden and debris burning. All causes are preventable, but only with *your* help.

Please help our town and state forest fire officials with forest fire prevention. Contact your Forest Fire Warden for more information.

Enforcement of a state timber harvest regulation is the responsibility of State Forestry officials. Our state has excellent timber harvest regulations; however, your assistance is needed.

If you know of a logging operation and suspect a state timber harvest tax law may be violated, call your Forest Fire Warden, or Concord Forest Protection Headquarters at (603) 271-2217.

If you own forest land, you became responsible for the timber tax payment starting April 1, 1986. This is a change in the Timber Tax Law that will impact all forest landowners. Contact your Board of Selectmen for timber tax forms.

FOREST FIRE STATISTICS - 1987

Number of Fires Statewide	403 189
Cost of Suppression	\$44,682
DISTRICT	
Number of Fires	15.00
Number of Acres	28.25
TOWN - EASTON	
Number of Fires	0.0
Number of Acres	0.0

John Q. Ricard, Forest Ranger Durand B. Cooley, Forest Fire Warden

LIBRARY FINANCIAL REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, January, 1, 1987	\$198.05	
Receipts during the year: State of New Hampshire for Library Materials Town of Easton	107.29 300.00	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$605.34
EXPENDITURES		
Librarian's Salary	\$200.00	
N.H. Library Trustees Assoc. Dues New Books Purchased	$16.00 \\ 327.51$	
Library Supplies	60.97	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$604.47
Balance on hand - December 31, 1987		\$.87

The Sadie N. Glover & Helen J. Young Memorial Fund:

Invested in the Savers Bank, Littleton, NH in a $2\frac{1}{2}$ year Certificate of Deposit on June 9, 1986 at $7\frac{3}{4}$ % interest. Interest accrued as of December 31, 1987 was \$43.00 making a balance for the Fund of \$569.03

The Dadja Merwin Memorial Fund:

Invested in the Savers Bank, Littleton, NH, November 1986, the sum of \$50.00 in a savings account. This amount was given in memory of Dadja Merwin by the Kinsman Valley Club. The Fund would gratefully accept further donations.

Trustees-Easton Public Library:

Carolyn H. Chase Eunice M. Woods Margaret T. Whitcomb

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The Media Van made 10 trips to Easton this year. We borrowed approximately 392 books and 40 tapes. There were 138 books given to the Library. Bought 58 with the town appropriation.

Thanks to the many who donated books.

Number of visitors	119 17
Books Loaned:	
Adult fiction	395
Adult non-fiction	118
Juvenile and magazines	37
Total circulation	550

The Library is open the first and third Wednesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m.

Virginia Leighton Librarian

TRI-TOWN RECREATION PROGRAM

Our Summer Program was supervised by director Elizabeth Andross, adult assistants Sue Ash and Carol Briggs, and aide Mattie Hunt. The program included Red Cross Swimming Instruction under the direction of Jean Serino. Highlights of the program included weekly trips to the Lincoln Theater, hikes, bike rides, a trip to the Wallis Sands State Park, Lost River, the Whale's Tale, and other mini-trips to local places of interest.

The Winter Program included ice hockey instruction, games, and figure skating. As before, Jim Cavanaugh was in charge of maintaining both ice rinks.

Little League was very successful again this year. Our All Star Team captured the league championship for the second consecutive season, under the direction of coach Jeff Hultgren. Little League Farm Team was coached through an eight-game season by Lynn McIntosh. Commissioner Dave Sullivan and teacher Hal Tuttle organized a girl's softball team this year which was undefeated.

SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM

	1987 Expenses	1988 Budget
Salaries	\$ 7,088.00	\$ 7,000.00
Insurance	250.00	300.00
Bus Rental	1,877.65	1,500.00
Pool Rental	700.00	700.00
Miscellaneous	760.00	150.00
	\$10,675.65	\$ 9,650.00
SUMMER BASEB	BALL PROGRAM	
	1987	1988
	Expenses	Budget
Equipment	\$ 441.57	\$ 500.00
Insurance	282.70	325.00
Miscellaneous	59.50	150.00
	\$ 783.77	\$ 975.00
WINTER RECREA	TION PROGRAM	
	1987	1988
	Expenses	Budget
Labor & Maintenance	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,300.00
Insurance	74.00	80.00
Gas & Electricity	1,399.31	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	106.57	500.00
	\$ 3,979.88	\$ 4,380.00
Employer's Social Security Contribution	\$ 506.79	\$ 600.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$15,946.09	\$15,605.00

INCOME

1987 Actual	1988 Proposed
\$ 8,466.12	\$ 8,163.00
3,730.58	4,081.50
1,243.53	1,360.50
2,100.00	2,000.00
405.86	0.00
\$15,946.09	\$15,605.00
	\$ 8,466.12 3,730.58 1,243.53 2,100.00 405.86

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

The Planning Board has had a mixture of activities this past year: subdivision review, private road construction, land conservation and, of course, master planning. We discussed potential subdivision activity with five different parties including visiting the properties, and approved the two subdivision applications (for a total of seven lots) that were actually submitted. We will be revising the way that the Board secures the completion of required improvements in subdivisions, such as new roads, and will be working with the Selectmen and Road Agent on some simple standards for driveways to try to minimize problems of erosion and water runoff where driveways meet Town roads.

We have taken longer than hoped to complete the master plan, but with the help of essentially the entire board, we have gathered and analyzed natural resource, land use and financial information. With the soils information, we have identified areas which may support development and areas which may warrant conservation. Town financial data and comparable information from neighboring towns is being examined. Existing land use patterns and commercial and industrial activities have been mapped. We've raised and discussed issues of soil-based lot sizes, conservation zones, commercial districts, and areas for mobile homes.

Guided by the concerns expressed by the results of the community attitude survey and our own, we're still in the process of identifying and evaluating a balanced approach to preserving the peace, quiet and beauty of our setting and the favorable tax rate and property values, with the concerns for better employment and housing opportunities.

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Permits were issued for:

11 new houses

8 additions or alterations to existing houses

1 swimming pool

1 tennis court

Charles C. Chase, Building Inspector

EASTON SKI CLUB

If there are any seniors and others interested in skiing at Cannon Mountain as a group, please get in touch with us. It's great!

Irv Salan Paul Schlegel Rob Wutzdorff Charlie Chase

KINSMAN VALLEY CLUB

A calendar for the Kinsman Valley Club and events to take place during 1988.

Club Meetings first Tuesday of each month

Town Election Day - 1:00 to 6:00 PM Tuesday, March 8
Town Meeting - 7:30 PM Tuesday, March 8

Clean up day Saturday, May 14
Rain Date Saturday, May 21

Summer Fair Saturday, August 6

Fire Wardens Supper Thursday, October 20

Holiday Party Saturday, December 10

NORTH COUNTRY COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT

North Country Council was extremely busy in 1987 as it continued to provide a wide range of assistance to North Country communities.

As a regional non-profit, public agency chartered under NH RSA 36:45, the Council is responsible for assisting its member communities in local town planning, regional planning, economic development and numerous other community services. In addition to the direct assistance the Council provides each member community, it is an advocate for all North Country towns in legislative and funding issues with the state and federal governments.

The North Country is experiencing tremendous growth and development pressures. The Council is dedicated to assisting towns with the impacts associated with these pressures. In order to more efficiently serve its membership, the Council has assigned a staff person to respond to each town's request for assistance. In this way, continuity between the town and the Council is ensured and the overall effectiveness of the Council is increased.

In Easton, the Council completed a study of septage disposal alternatives, coordinated planning efforts of the Upper Grafton/Lancaster Area Solid Waste District and co-sponsored the North Country Household Hazardous Waste Collection Project.

The Council again provided information and guidance to many towns on federal and state grant and loan programs. This past year the Council administered over \$6.7 million in Community Development Block Grant funds in fifteen communities. The funds were used for housing rehabilitation, downtown revitalization, public facility improvements, business revolving loans, and feasibility studies for housing rehabilitation and public facility improvements.

The Council has taken an active role in addressing the affordable housing issue in cooperation with member communities. The Council is presently administering a regional housing rehabilitation program which is making 358 housing units available to eligible North Country residents.

Community planning assistance has emphasized master planning and improvement in local land use controls. New state mandates and commercial and residential growth in several towns have created busy work loads for planning boards. The Council's assistance takes many forms: regional workshops, newsletters, regulation review and update, and assistance on a regular or one-time basis for subdivision and site plan applications.

The Council sponsored four industrial development workshops for local economic officials. The workshops provided information on business recruitment, marketing and working cooperatively with federal and state officials to promote community economic development.

The Council again co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture series with the NH Municipal Association. The Law Lecture this year covered local planning board procedures, administration and enforcement of ordinances, growth management and review of recent court cases and state law changes regarding local land use planning.

Overall, the Council's major objective is to work with North Country towns in solving local and regional problems. We rely on and appreciate the involvement of town officials and residents and look forward to assisting your town this coming year.

Jonathan M. Rutstein, Executive Director Bonnie Ham, President Robert Wutzdorff, Town Representative Walter Woods, Town Representative

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Budget for the current fiscal year is \$8,947,343. Town taxes to the County average 6.7% or \$2.21 per \$1,000, of the property owner's tax bill. The major portion of county expenses goes to the operation of the Nursing Home (39.69%) and to human services programs for the elderly, disabled, nursing care and children (26.86%).

Registry of Deeds had gross income of \$3,630,159 in 1987.

Old Age & Disabled grant programs remain fairly constant with the elderly program averaging 100 cases at \$4,800 per month and the disabled averaging 225 cases at \$21,000 per month.

Intermediate Nursing Care caseload increased with SB-1 where the County became responsible for all INC cases and eliminated town liability. INC cases now average 255 at \$110,000 per month, a rapidly increasing cost to the counties with savings to the towns.

Children and Youth Services also became a county liability under Senate Bill 1, with counties reimbursing the State 25% for all child service costs. It is impossible to give accurate figures for child expenses, as they are rapidly increasing monthly. The County has 25% funding liability of child placement costs and we are taking an active interest in the needs of children in Grafton County.

Social Service agencies receive \$247,217 or \$4.03 per capita, to provide much needed services for home health, mental health, developmentally disabled, senior citizens transportation and nutrition and many other valuable programs.

Correctional Facility is increasingly overpopulated, now averaging 58 inmates per day and frequently housing 60+.

Grafton County Nursing Home for intermediate nursing care is licensed for 136 beds and is about 80% reimbursable. FY 87 cost per patient day was \$68.78 with \$58.87 reimbursed by Medicaid.

Grafton County Farm continues to be self-supporting and provides work for inmates as well as offering access for experimental agricultural projects. This is primarily a dairy farm with an average herd of 170, but also grows produce for the nursing home.

Grafton County Commissioners meet weekly on Wednesdays. We encourage public attendance and welcome facility tours.

GRAFTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Dorothy Campion-Corcoran, Chairperson Everett Grass, Clerk Betty Jo Taffe, Commissioner

UPPER GRAFTON/LANCASTER AREA SOLID WASTE DISTRICT

The Upper Grafton/Lancaster Area (UGLA) Solid Waste District voted to pursue the siting of a District owned regional landfill in early 1987. At March 1987 Town Meetings, 11 of 12 towns in the UGLA District raised \$54,000 to support the District's decision.

Wehren Engineering was contracted by the District for Phase I of the landfill development. Phase I included site determination and evaluation, test pit and well sampling and preliminary design.

Following site work by Wehren, two possible locations for the landfill were identified. The most feasible site in Bethlehem was withdrawn for consideration by the landowner in December. The second site owned by the Town of Littleton is now under investigation . A meeting with the State's Waste Management Division to review the initial work has been scheduled.

Calendar year 1988 will be a busy one for the UGLA District as landfill development continues and a district agreement is drafted. The District also plans to actively promote recycling as a means of reducing waste volume.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 1987

Date of Birth July 15, 1987	Name of Child	Name of Father	Name of Mother	Birthplace of Father	Birthplace of Mother
ā	Liest Bliss Kenney	Michael A. Kenney	Louisa M. Bliss	H.	
October 22, 1987	Christopher J. Hunt	James A. Hunt	Sheila M Walker	3	

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF EASTON, NH for the Year Ending December 31, 1987

Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by Whom Married	d Paula G. Wolcott	
Name of Parents	Philip L. Hosford	vaterie mays Alfred Dorsey Shirley Conklin
Residence of Each	Tuscon, AZ	Tuscon, AZ
Name and Surname of Groom and Bride	September 25, 1987 Matthew L. Hosford	Nancy L. Veale
Date and Place of Marriage	September 25, 1987 Easton, NH	

Emergency Telephone Number 8123

Fire - Police Medical Emergency

Police OfficerEd Cutter - 823-8548

Fire Superintendent Stanley Sherburn - 823-5649

Fire WardenDurand Cooley - 823-5207

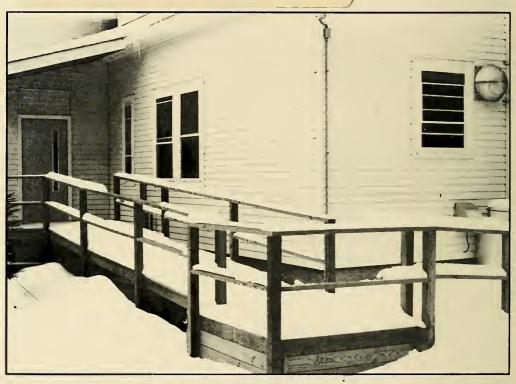
Dogs must be Licensed by May 1, 1988

Up to date

DOG LICENSE & RABIES CERTIFICATE NUMBER
is required in Easton to License a dog.



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New ramp for the handicaped at the Easton Town Hall.